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Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee on the work of its second session

Draft report of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) on the work of its second session

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I. Introduction

1. In accordance with General Assembly resolutions 67/216 of 21 December 2012 and 69/226 of 19 December 2014, the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) held its second session from 14 to 16 April 2015 at the United Nations Office at Nairobi. The Committee held [six] plenary meetings and [four] meetings of its working group.

II. Organization of work

A. Opening of the session

2. The second session was opened on Tuesday, 14 April 2015, by Maryse Gautier (France), Co-Chair of the Preparatory Committee. The Committee proceeded to elect María Duarte, Minister of Urban Development and Housing (Ecuador), as its Co-Chair, to replace Diego Aulestia, former Minister of Urban Development and Housing (Ecuador).

3. Opening statements were made by the Co-Chairs of the Preparatory Committee, the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) and the Cabinet Secretary for Land, Housing and Urban Development of Kenya, in his capacity as representative of the host country.

B. Election of officers

4. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 14 April 2015, the Preparatory Committee elected Elena Szolgayova (Slovakia) as Vice-Chair to replace Csaba Kőrösi (Hungary) and Jaime Silva (Chile) as Vice-Chair to replace Barbara Richards (Chile). Thus, the officers of the Committee at its second session were as follows:

Co-Chairs:

María Duarte (Ecuador)
Maryse Gautier (France)

Vice-Chairs:

Elena Szolgayova (Slovakia)
Eric Miangar (Chad)
Jaime Silva (Chile)
Daniela Grabmüllerová (Czech Republic)
Tania Roediger-Vorwerk (Germany)
Purnomo A. Chandra (Indonesia)
Mamadou Mbodj (Senegal) (also designated as Rapporteur)
Majid Hasan Al-Suwaidi (United Arab Emirates)

C. Adoption of the agenda and programme of work

5. At its 1st plenary meeting, the Preparatory Committee adopted the agenda for its second session, on the basis of the provisional agenda (A/CONF.226/PC.2/1), as follows:

1. Opening of the session.
2. Election of officers.
3. Adoption of the agenda and programme of work.
4. Preparations for the Conference.
5. Organizational matters:
   (a) Provisional rules of procedure of the Conference;
   (b) Arrangements for accreditation and participation of major groups and other relevant stakeholders in the preparatory process and in the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III).
6. Progress to date in the implementation of the outcomes of the second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and the New Urban Agenda.
7. Arrangements for the third session of the Preparatory Committee.
8. Other matters.
9. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee on the work of its second session.
10. Conclusion of the session.

6. At the same meeting, the Preparatory Committee decided that its Working Group on operational and administrative matters, established at its first session, should consider the following agenda items: item 4 (Preparations for the Conference), item 5 (a) (Provisional rules of procedure of the Conference, document A/CONF.226/PC.2/2), item 5 (b) (Arrangements for accreditation and participation of major groups and other relevant stakeholders in the preparatory process and in the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III), document A/CONF.226/PC.2/3) and item 7 (Arrangements for the third session of the Preparatory Committee) over the course of four meetings. The Preparatory Committee also designated Vice-Chair Tania Roediger-Vorwerk (Germany) to serve as Chair of the Working Group.

D. Organizational matters

7. At its 1st plenary meeting, the Preparatory Committee considered a list of 33 non-governmental organizations and other major groups recommended by the secretariat for special accreditation to the preparatory process and Habitat III (A/CONF.226/PC.2/4) and a related draft decision submitted by the Co-Chairs through which the accreditation of those 33 organizations would be approved (A/CONF.226/PC.2/L.1). The Committee adopted the draft decision. Statements on points of order were made by the representatives of Argentina, Algeria, Egypt, the Russian Federation and South Africa.

E. Attendance

8. The second session of the Preparatory Committee was attended by representatives of [...] States Members of the United Nations and States members of the specialized agencies.

Representatives of intergovernmental and United Nations system organizations, non-governmental organizations and other major groups also attended. A list of participants is contained in document A/CONF.226/PC.2/INF/1.[1]

F. Preparations for the Conference

9. At the 1st plenary meeting of the Committee, the Secretary-General of the Conference reported on the activities undertaken by the secretariat in preparation for the Conference. He also provided a briefing on work to be carried out in the period between April 2015 and the opening of the Conference.

G. Progress to date in the implementation of the outcomes of the second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and the New Urban Agenda

10. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 14 April, the Preparatory Committee considered agenda item 6. Five representatives of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) and a representative of the United Nations Environment Programme presented 22 issue papers produced by United Nations system bodies regarding six subject areas for the new urban agenda: social cohesion and equity – liveable cities; spatial development; urban frameworks; urban economy; urban ecology and environment; and urban housing and basic services.

11. At the same meeting, statements on points of order were made by the representatives of Brazil, Bangladesh, Egypt and the United States of America.

12. Also at the same meeting, statements in the general exchange of views were made by the representative of Egypt (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), His Excellency Alejandro Nieto Enriquez, Vice Minister of Urban Planning of Mexico (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States), and the representative of the European Union.

13. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 14 April, statements were made by His Excellency Morais Guy, Minister for Works and Housing of Jamaica, His Excellency Sam Engola, Minister of State for Housing of Uganda, Her Excellency Maria Duarte, Minister of Urban Development and Housing of Ecuador, His Excellency Kisaburo Ishii, Vice Minister for Land, Infrastructure and Hokkaido Development of Japan, the representatives of Kenya, Lesotho and the United States, His Excellency Alejandro Nieto Enriquez, Vice Minister of Urban Planning of Mexico, the representatives of Turkey, the Czech Republic, Singapore, Chile, Finland, Indonesia, Israel, Zambia, Norway, Argentina, Myanmar, France, the Russian Federation and Burkina Faso.

14. At the same meeting, a statement was made by the non-governmental organization Metropolis – World Association of the Major Metropolises.

15. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 15 April, statements were made by the representatives of Paraguay, Nigeria, Brazil, Burundi and Cuba; Her Excellency Zou Kota-Fredericks, Deputy Minister of Human Settlements of South Africa; the representatives of the United Republic of Tanzania, the Central African Republic, Thailand, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Nepal, Madagascar and Bahrain; His Excellency Mukhtar Abdulkarim Adam, State Minister of Environment, Forestry, and Physical Development of the Sudan; and Her Excellency Zou Kota-Fredericks, Deputy Minister of Human Settlements of South Africa (on behalf of the States members of the African Union).

16. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the World Meteorological Organization, the International Labour Organization, the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (on behalf of the five United Nations regional commissions) and the World Food Programme.

17. Also at the same meeting, statements were made by the following non-governmental organizations: World Vision International, the International Society of City and Regional Planners, PAX Romana (also on behalf of the children and youth major group), the Habitat International Coalition and United Cities and Local Governments.

18. At its 4th plenary meeting, on 15 April, a statement was made by the representative of Chad.

19. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the

[1] To be issued.

Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

20. Also at the same meeting, statements were made by the following non-governmental organizations: Habitat for Humanity International, the International Federation of Building and Wood Workers, the International Union of Architects, the Huairou Commission, Action Aid, the Habitat Professionals Forum, the American Planning Association, the World Future Council Foundation and the European Cyclists' Federation.

[to be completed]

H. Other matters

21. *[to be completed]*

I. Report of the working group on administrative and operational matters

22. [At the 6th plenary meeting, the Chair of the working group on administrative and operational matters reported on the outcome of the group discussions. The working group held four meetings over the course of the second session]. *[to be completed]*

J. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee on the work of its second session

23. [At its sixth plenary meeting, on 16 April, the Rapporteur introduced the draft report of the second session of the Preparatory Committee as contained in document A/CONF.226/PC.2/L.3 [and an informal paper]. The Preparatory Committee adopted the draft report on the work of its second session and authorized the Rapporteur to finalize the report in collaboration with the secretariat in the light of the proceedings of the session.]

K. Conclusion of the session

24. [At its sixth plenary meeting, on 16 April, concluding statements were made by the Co-Chairs of the Preparatory Committee and the Secretary-General of the Conference.]

25. [The second session of the Preparatory Committee was closed by the Co-Chair [Maria Duarte (Ecuador)/Maryse Gautier (France)]].

L. Decisions adopted by the Preparatory Committee

Decision on accreditation of non-governmental organizations and other major groups to the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) and its preparatory process

26. The Preparatory Committee adopted draft decision A/CONF.226/PC.2/L.1 on accreditation of non-governmental organizations and other major groups to the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) and its preparatory process

27. *[to be completed]*

Annex

Documents issued for the second session of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III)

A/CONF.226/PC.2/1. Provisional agenda and annotations

A/CONF.226/PC.2/2. Draft provisional rules of procedure of the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III)

A/CONF.226/PC.2/3. Arrangements for accreditation and participation of major groups and other relevant stakeholders in the preparatory process and in the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III)

A/CONF.226/PC.2/4. Arrangements for accreditation and participation of major groups and other relevant stakeholders in the preparatory process and in the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development.

A/CONF.226/PC.2/L.1. Draft decision: Accreditation of non-governmental organizations and other major groups to the preparatory process and the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) and its preparatory process.

A/CONF.226/PC.2/L.2. Draft decision: Dates and venue of the third session of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) and dates of the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III)

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